

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 45-46 directed to Group II, claims 45-46, drawn to a method for transporting a sheet non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 45-46 have been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The examiner called applicant's representative (Mr. Ryan Schneider (Reg. No. 45,083)) on 1/24/2011 to inform him that claims 45-46 of the instant application that were non-elected without traverse will be canceled. Moreover, during the telephone conversation authorization for this examiner's amendment was reaffirmed by Mr. Schneider.

IN THE CLAIMS OF THE AMENDMENT DATED 11/15/2010:

Claims 45 and 46 have been cancelled.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THOMAS A. MORRISON whose telephone number is (571)272-7221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stefano Karmis can be reached on (571) 272-6744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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